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# Administrative instruction

## Authority of United Nations security officers in New York Headquarters

The Under-Secretary-General for Management, pursuant to section 4.2 of Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2009/4, hereby promulgates the following:

1. United Nations security officers function as agents of the Secretary-General to preserve order and to protect persons and property within the New York "headquarters district," as defined in the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations. All persons within the headquarters district are expected to comply with the directions that may be issued by the security officers in the performance of their functions. Security officers are expected to exercise their functions with courtesy and in conformity with established rules and regulations, including applicable local law.

2. Security officers are authorized to search persons, vehicles, handbags, briefcases or packages in the performance of their official duties. They may also seize property if they have a reason to believe that a person is carrying an unauthorized weapon, explosives or other dangerous substances or narcotics, or that property of the United Nations is being removed from the premises without authorization. Vehicles entering the premises will be subject to search by security officers on duty at entry/exit gates.

3. Refusal to comply with directions issued by the security officers within their authority may result in removal from or denial of access to the premises.

4. Subject to the provisions of the present administrative instruction, security officers are authorized, within the limits permitted by local law, to effect arrest, including the use of force, where the person to be arrested is committing or attempting to commit an offence or has, in fact, committed an offence.

5. Compliance with and application of the present administrative instruction in no way prejudices the duties, obligations and privileges of staff members.

6. The present administrative instruction shall enter into force on the date of issuance. It supersedes administrative instruction ST/AI/309/Rev.2 of 18 February 1997, which is hereby abolished.

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Under-Secretary-General for Management

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